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Hawaii Named R&R Site For U.S. Forces in RVN

Hawaii will be used as a rest and recreation (R & R) site on an experimental basis by military personnel serving in Vietnam.

The decision was made by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and announced by Adm. Ulysses S. Grant Sharp, Commander in Chief Pacific, May 24.

The R & R program is designed to provide a few days respite for U.S. fighting forces on duty in RVN. Each man is authorized a five-day period out of country during his year of duty in Vietnam. Presently, only cities in the Far East are used in the program.

The need to decrease the flow of U.S. gold to other countries was the major factor in the decision to include Hawaii in the list.

The program will begin in Hawaii as soon as administrative details and airlift schedules have been worked out. The number of men to visit Hawaii will depend on availability of billets and airlift.

V/STOL Aircraft Undergoes First At-Sea Carrier Testing

The Navy has conducted first tests of the vertical and short takeoff and landing (V/STOL) XC-142A aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bennington.

Pilots Lt. Roger Rich, USN, and Maj. Eric Larsen, USMC, made short take-offs and landings and vertical take-offs and landings from both the angled and straight sections of the flight deck. STOL's were made within only a couple of hundred feet of the carrier's 889-foot flight deck.

The aircraft made a 360-degree turn in the width of the flight deck and took off immediately. The aircraft also made a vertical take-off, hovered above the flight deck, changed wing angle and sped away in conventional forward flight.

The aircraft can operate from airspeeds of 35 mph. backwards to 400 mph. in forward flight at an altitude of 25,000 feet. It can carry 32 troops or 8,000 pounds of cargo when operating vertically or 15,000 pounds of cargo when in the STOL mode of operation.

***THAYER ENSHRINED**—General of the Army Omar Bradley, USA (ret.), views the bust of Sylvanus Thayer, placed in New York University's Hall of Fame for Great Americans during enshrinement ceremonies. Thayer, Superintendent of U.S. Military Academy from 1817 to 1833, was elected to the Hall of Fame last year as founder of technological education in the U.S.*

Increased Effort to Reduce Non-Essential Spending Urged

President Johnson has called on each department and agency to expand efforts in deferring projects and expenditures wherever possible without harm to the national interest.

Last March, the President asked all major agencies to take such action "in view of the high costs of the conflict in Vietnam and in the interest of avoiding inflationary pressures at home."

To further the effort, President Johnson in a May 20 memorandum said he would like each department and agency to adopt formal programs of (1) deferring the filling of vacant positions, and (2) foregoing some previously planned travel.

The President noted, "It should not be too great a hardship to stretch out the filling of vacancies and, in some cases, even to forego replacing a portion of those who leave their position in your agency."

As for travel, President Johnson said, "It is not my intention to defer or eliminate the essential." He explained that necessary supervision of field establishments are costs which—if the activities are to be carried on efficiently—must be borne.

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DOD CASUALTY FIGURES show that 3,320 U. S. service personnel lost their lives in hostile actions between Jan. 1, 1961-May 14, 1966 in RVN. Additionally, 18,180 suffered nonfatal wounds. Nonhostile action causes accounted for 763 deaths during the period.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS instructed all components to implement Post Office Department's Zoning Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code no later than Jan. 1, 1967. During phase-in period personnel will use ZIP Codes, when known, and refer to National Zip Code Directory, where available.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS between Air Force Aid Society, Army Emergency Relief and Navy Relief Society provide that members of one service may get help from relief offices of other services. Criteria for assistance, and amount of financial help provided will be based on rules of organization providing assistance.

FIRST MINUTEMAN MISSILE to be flown to an operational site aboard C-141 Starlifter transport made trip recently from Hill AFB, Utah, to Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. Air Force Logistic Command's Odgen Air Materiel Area at Hill, joined with Military Airlift Command in this latest test of C-141 capabilities.

DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT Agency has established Contract Audit Institute, Memphis, Tenn., using facilities of Defense Supply Agency's Defense Depot Memphis. Objective of school is to advance technical and administrative proficiency of contract auditors through courses developed from on-site situations and case studies, and to provide training medium to adapt new auditing concepts to DCAA audit assignments.

RVN HELICOPTER OPERATIONS by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing from late 1962 through April, 1966, amounted to 361,688 sorties, lifting 769,914 passengers and 27,944 cargo tons during 156,405 flight hours. By 1965's end, medium helicopter squadrons averaged about 20,000 sorties monthly with observation helicopter squadrons averaging about 2,000 missions monthly.

FIRST MARINE "PHANTOMS" arrived about mid-year 1965. By year's end tactical squadrons of F-4B, F-8, and A-4 aircraft were averaging about 2,500 combat sorties per month, and delivering from 1,600 to 2,000 tons of ordnance in air support role.

U.S. MARINE CORPS helicopter pilots logged 1,132 flights in one day recently, transporting 1,927 personnel and more than 92 tons of cargo.

UNIQUE LEADERSHIP LABORATORY is being planned for Air Force Academy managers and executives to increase personal effectiveness as leaders and as members of groups. It will provide a variety of experiences in personal relations, group development, problem solving, decision making and organizational relationships.

FOR FIRST TIME in many years a fleet tug has earned final over-all grade of excellent during annual refresher training. Receiving coveted mark was Pearl Harbor-based fleet tug USS Lipan. Crew members of Lipan excelled in seamanship, navigation, gunnery, and engineering.

ARMY IS TESTING two newly designed air conditioners built to protect electronics gear from damage caused by high temperatures and humidity. New air conditioners are lighter weight than similar capacities—390 and 520 pounds compared with 450 and 1,200 pound units now used. Production units will be used for cooling and dehumidifying missile fire control vans, communications shelters and housings for electronic systems.

FACTORS AFFECTING DELAYS of personal property shipments for military personnel were included on agenda of two-day conference of the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service. Conferees also reviewed worldwide performance in movement of household goods and baggage during 1965.

MINNESOTA AIR NATIONAL Guard's 237th Mobile Communications Flight, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, has been named Air Force Communications Service's outstanding reserve organization for 1965.

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES H. MOUNT JR., reassigned from assistant division commander, 1st Infantry Division, to U.S. Army Vietnam deputy chief of staff for personnel and administration.

USO-ALL SERVICE Postal Chess Club is open to all members of the Armed Forces, including reservists and retirees and Coast Guard. Club's program is monitored by USO, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

A WISE INVESTOR sets aside $37.50 every month for $50 U.S. Savings Bond thus accumulating a cash value of $3,595 in Bonds at end of seven years. Bonds, available through Payroll Savings Plan, would have collective maturity value of $4,200.

NAVY MARRIED HOUSING in Norfolk, Va., area is scheduled for an increase this fall. First 13 units of newly - constructed Willoughby Housing area are scheduled to be turned over to Navy about Aug. 19 with occupancy to begin almost immediately. When completed, housing complex will encompass 71 buildings with more than 2,000 apartments.

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Background for Commanders

Communism Isn't Selling Today*

It is becoming more and more evident that communism is not a saleable product in the world today. With the gathering strength of nationalism, increased education and the opportunities for achieving economic advancement, the false promises of communism are being rejected by free countries. ***Nevertheless the Communists are continuing to use violence and terrorism in the attempt to impose their dictatorships through so-called liberation movements.***

With failure of popular fronts, the Communists in Latin America are openly advocating violence to achieve their objectives. At two different Communist-dominated conferences in Havana in 1964 and 1966, in which the Soviets and Chinese Reds participated, the Communists declared their support for "liberation movements" in Latin America.

In Africa the Communists are meeting rebuffs. When Chou En Lai stated in his speech in Dar-es-Salaam last year that he considered Africa ripe for revolution, a neighboring statesman pointed out that his country had had its revolution and intended to avert all others whether inspired from within or without. The trend in Africa is against communism and toward regimes which favor genuine nonalignment in foreign affairs and development of their own countries in their own African way.

In Thailand, Communist China a year ago announced the establishment of a "patriotic front" to overturn the Thai Government and since then has attempted to ignite in Northern Thailand a guerrilla insurgency. The Thai Government has been taking constructive measures to control the situation.

The most difficult problem today is Vietnam. Here Communist terrorist and guerrilla action has taken hold. South Vietnam is resisting aggression that is inspired, organized, directed and supplied from the north. ***The Communists are waging in Vietnam the kind of "people's war" that Marshal Lin Piao, Red China's Defense Minister, maintained last fall was invincible.***

General Giap, North Vietnam's Defense Minister and leading expert on guerrilla warfare, has stated the issue bluntly:

"South Vietnam," he said, "is the model of the national liberation movement of our time. . . . If the special warfare that the United States imperialists are testing in South Vietnam is overcome, then it can be defeated anywhere in the world."

President Johnson has made clear that the United States will continue to help the people of South Vietnam defend themselves against aggression from the North as long as aggression continues and our help is desired. Our objective is to give the people of South Vietnam the opportunity to decide their own future.

Vietnam in some ways is the most complex and difficult situation in which we have been involved. The various political forces in South Vietnam have had serious differences in reaching agreement on means of achieving an effective government responsive to the will of the people, though there is full agreement among the contending political forces on the issue of opposition to Hanoi and Viet Cong aggression.

In recent weeks we have seen how difficult this process is. Yet Americans should be the first to recognize that the establishment of a democratic government is not an easy task. The chaotic conditions of our own early history under the Articles of Confederation should make us understanding of what we are witnessing today. Even in recent history, when we were helping Greece face the bandit war there were five changes in government during the first two years of the Truman Doctrine. We should also recall that in France during the first two critical years of the Marshall Plan there were six different governments. In these trying situations we did not turn back and in the end our objectives were achieved.

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As President Johnson has said: "Let no one think for a moment that retreat from Vietnam would bring an end to the conflict. The battle would be renewed in one country and then another. . . . We have learned that to yield to aggression brings only greater threats and brings even more destructive war. To stand firm is the only guarantee of a lasting peace."

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* *Condensed from an address by Hon. W. Averell Harriman, U. S. Ambassador at Large.*

Emergency Runway Device Undergoing AF Testing

Air Force is testing a new device that could stop an aircraft on the runway during any emergency, landing or takeoff.

Called the BAK-11 (Barrier Arresting Component), it could save millions of dollars in aircraft and equipment, and possible loss of life.

The device consists of an arresting cable actuated by the aircraft's wheels rolling on the runway.

The first system is scheduled for delivery to ATC this summer and will undergo further evaluation at Edwards AFB, Calif.

Army Medical Program Supports Canal Study

An intensive medical program is being developed by Army's Office of The Surgeon General to support the Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission in Panama.

Sea level canal engineering feasibility studies are also underway by Army engineers for possibility of eventual construction of a new canal.

The studies are scheduled for presentation to the President by 1969.

Col. Harold G. Stacey, USA medical advisor to the field director for the commission, said studies are being made for the most efficient methods of affecting a medico-ecology data collection to determine presence of disease vectors and possible communicable diseases in remote areas.

A preventive medical plan is now in use, Col. Stacy noted, covering site surveys being made in the Darien region.

USMC Helicopter Unit Arrives in Vietnam

U.S. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 has arrived in South Vietnam to become the second CH-46 unit assigned to the Southeast Asia country.

The "Sea Knights" arrived aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer and flew to Marble Mountain, near Da Nang.

NEW SCHOOL COMMANDANT— Maj. Gen. James M. Masters Sr., USMC, has been nominated by the President for promotion to lieutenant general and will become Commandant of Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., July 1.

Navy Begins Study Of Underwater Blasts

The first in a continuation of underwater seismic tests conducted by the Navy took place on May 24, 75 miles off Cape Mendocino, Calif., involving the detonation of 800 to 1,000 tons of obsolete conventional explosive material at a depth of 4,000 feet.

Defense Department announced the tests are part of the Advanced Research Projects Agency VELA UNIFORM seismic research program to study techniques of and improve methods for detecting and locating underground and underwater explosions.

Navy Combat Stores Ship Sets Replenishment Record

Navy's first combat stores ship, USS Mars, has set a new record for night replenishment of stores and provisions at sea by helicopter.

Using its two UH-46A "Sea Knight" helicopters, Mars lifted 29.9 tons of stores and fresh provisions to the guided missile cruiser USS Topeka off the coast of Vietnam. The transfer of 51.4 tons per hour established a new record for this type cargo in night vertical replenishment at sea.

Another "first" was also accomplished in that Topeka was being replenished by Mars helicopters while simultaneously taking on fuel and ammunition from the Navy's first combat support ship, USS Sacramento.

July Activation Set For Army 11th Inf. Bde.

Army will activate the 11th Infantry Brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in July. It will be the last of three new independent brigades activated as part of the Army build-up.

The brigade, with an authorized strength of 3,558, will initially consist of three infantry battalions, one cavalry troop and one support battalion.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Lt. Gen. Richard M. Montgomery, USAF, Vice CinC, USAFE, nominated for retirement, effective Aug. 31. **Lt. Gen. Henry Viccellio, USAF,** reassigned from Deputy CinC U.S. Strike Command, to Commander Continental Air Command, effective Aug. 1, upon retirement of **Lt. Gen. Cecil H. Childre, USAF,** present commander. **VAdm. Lawson P. Ramage, USN,** from Commander First Fleet, to Deputy CinC Pacific Fleet and CofS and Aide CinC Pacific Fleet. **VAdm. Bernard F. Roeder, USN,** from Commander Amphibious Force Pacific to Commander First Fleet. **Col. Francis P. Koisch, USA,** (brigadier general nominee) from Special Asst to CG, U.S. Army Vietnam, to North Atlantic Division Engineer, New York City, effective Aug. 1.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Kings Point Industries, Inc., New York, N.Y.: $1,048,000 contract for 200,000 men's wind resistant cotton coats. **(DSA)**

International Harvester Co., Melrose Park, Ill.: $1,058,766 fixed-price contract for 45 low-speed, full tracked tractors. **(Army)**

Western Electric Co., Inc., New York City: $1,364,079 fixed-price contract for shipboard weapons direction equipment for TARTAR. **(Navy)**

Magnavox Co., Fort Wayne, Ind.: $1,123,322 initial increment to a $2,247,645 fixed-price contract for production of airborne communications equipment. **(Air Force)**

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